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Rich Memories of Mannibadar



It's 1938 and the children at Mannibadar Primary School are taking part in a 'Three-legged' race. We don't know who won, but the participants are as follows: At the back: Gwen Ferguson & Nella Fitridge, Ivan Ellis & Tom Thornton, Dot Cahill & Thelma Phillips (standing slightly in front of Ivan & Tom), Harold Fitridge & Jack Fletcher, Leigh Fletcher & Norman Ellis, Ron Ellis & Norman Ferguson. Front: Dorothy Fitridge & Ted Cahill, Joyce Ellis & Mary Fletcher. Photo: courtesy G Ellis

Dear Members,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. As you know, we operate with a small, dedicated team of volunteers. Your membership directly contributes to the maintenance and preservation of our historical records and artefacts and our operational costs such as electricity and building maintenance. It is with your help that we can keep our local history alive.

On the enclosed membership renewal form, please **check and complete all the sections** to ensure details are up to date. Rest assured that your information is confidential and is not disclosed to any person or organisation.

Graeme Ellis brings Mannibadar's history to life

At our History Night on 20 June 2016, long-standing resident of Mannibadar, Graeme Ellis, spoke about the history of this soldier settlement community south of Linton, and shared his memories of the experiences of his family, and other families who settled in this often-unforgiving environment.

This was a very popular event for our members and indeed the wider community, with over 40 people attending, many from the Mannibadar community whose family histories are bound up in Graeme's.

This is an edited version of Graeme's talk. A DVD of this talk is available from the Society – see page 8.

Beginnings

My grandfather Will Ellis, late of 59th/57th Battalion/Commonwealth War Graves Commission, saw service on the Western Front in the Polygon Wood area. He enlisted at Sandigo and his name is on the Honour Board at Borree Creek Hall, in the Riverina, NSW.

When *Mt Bute* estate was to be settled by Great War veterans, Will applied. He had gained farm experience through his uncles at North Wangaratta, when he was spared the orphanage to which his siblings were sent upon the death of their mother, Will being considered old enough, at age 9, to work on their farm.

Will was shown around *Mt Bute* by Mr Bennett of Linton. It was one of those days of very strong autumn winds, a bit like the days we have experienced this year (that part of the climate has not changed). When he got as far as Bassett's Lane, Will said to Mr Bennett, 'I've seen enough'. He applied for a block on Bassett's Lane first; his second choice was on the Linton-Mannibadar Rd. He was allocated the latter, and took possession on 19 May 1921. Jim Stapleton as a young Linton boy remembered Will and his wife May arriving in Linton nursing baby Ron. It had taken them a week to travel up to Linton from Melbourne in a spring cart. Jim remembered this as Will and May were two of the first settlers to arrive.

The assets of the settlers varied – some came with a team of horses, some used the Closer Settlement Scheme to buy land for their sons, some had little or no experience of farming, but most were in for a hard time.

Will and May initially rented a house on the Carngham Rd at Linton on a block where Carmel Caldwell's house now stands. In the front room of this house, Will had a chaff cutter. He first fallowed the ground. The house was to be built near the creek, but the wagon carrying the timber became bogged, so the house was built where it stopped instead. Lucky there was a sugar gum plantation nearby (which was said to have been sown by Linton resident Jack Magee). The settlement house had two rooms, with lighting by kerosene lamp, and was heated by a wood stove and an open fireplace.

During the war, Will had spent leave with the King family in Glasgow in Scotland, and after settling on the farm, when Will wrote to Mrs King, she asked him to name his farm *Enhallow*, after the name of the Glasgow house.

As other settlers arrived, they would erect a house, a shed or a tent to live in. Settlers along the Linton-Mannibadar Rd were: Major Edward Kerby, Noble Victorious Champion Kerby, Royal (Roy) Kerby – these three former army officers were granted larger blocks (as per the guidelines); then, Norman Dawes (don't think he stayed), Will Ellis, Leigh Fletcher, Cecil Cull acquired blocks (but I think Cull's block was vacant until Tops Gribble bought it). On the sides of the road were Tom Speary and Hanna. Speary stayed ten years, complained his block was too wet and sold to Sydney Sanderson. We now live in Sydney's house.

There was one day set aside to repay the Closer Settlement Board (presumably once a year), and this was done at Skipton. The main problem with these allotments was that they were valued at boom times, with the interest rate at 5%, when there was little or no income for the first two years.

Will bought sheep at Cape Clear sale yards. He could only afford 90 of the 100 on offer. The auctioneer said, 'please take them all', but Will stuck to 90 as that's all he could afford to buy.

In 1924, some children died from whooping cough, among them Beryl Preston of Linton, Mary Thornton of Mannibadar, and Will and May's son Lindsay. Their other son, Ivan, survived. Will said that if Ivan died he would sell the farm as he considered the farm unlucky. Some neighbours thought they would take advantage of this situation, for example, Hitchins and Lewers both wrote letters to the Closer Settlement Board asking to be applicants for the Ellis farm. Sam Lewers also requested the stock.

Some blocks were too small to make a living from as the land was mostly unimproved. Some of the Ellis's farm had been the cropping paddocks of *Mt. Bute* station. The land would carry one sheep per acre at best, so settlers also milked cows, raised pigs, cropped cereals and in Will's case, he also had 1,000 laying hens. As there was a shortage of machinery, a steam driven thresher would do the rounds of the district in late summer. A team of men would pitch the sheaves of hay into the thresher, then the process was manhandled. May supplied the men with cold sweet tea to drink, feeding the men and her family. Will, along with others, would shear their sheep in Lewer's wool shed, as some had no wool sheds of their own.

A school commenced

In 1925, a hall at Pitfield was purchased and moved to Mannibadar. In 1929 a school was built near the hall (now the supper room at the hall). The school was built by two settlers, Jim Purcell and Wally Fitridge.

Schooling was shared with Willowvale, two days at one place and three at the other, alternating weekly. Miss Molly McCarthy was the first teacher. The Ellis children walked one mile to school across the paddocks. Ron and Ivan shared one pair of boots, so who had the boots on went to school that day.

Postal services

In 1929, Percy Howell bought Perce Hoare's farm, and as Hoare was the mailman from Willowvale to Linton, Perce Howell continued the run for a few years. It involved three days per week, starting at Willowvale, picking up mail to post, stopping at

Wally Fitridge's (they had the Mannibadar Post Office), then to Linton to deliver the mail to be posted. Then Perce went to Carrie Murrell and her mother's news agency for the papers, and on to Nicol's bakery with bread orders. The mail, papers and bread were delivered back to Mannibadar and Willowvale.



Marilyn and Graeme Ellis, with Society President Jill Wheeler at the History Night Photo: Joan Giles

Becoming settled: the struggles

Now with children, Ron, Ivan, Norman, Joyce, Marjory and baby John, the Ellis house was extended - adding two more bedrooms, a bathroom on the back verandah built in with cement sheeting, a wash-house (as it was known in those days), situated between two house tanks, with a copper for washing clothes. A refrigerator was non-existent, so on the south side of the house there was a hole in the ground to set jellies. Water was heated in a kettle on the stove, then carried outside to the bathroom.

The roads in places were quartz and crushed bluestone, but in most cases were formed dirt, with someone always getting bogged in the winter months, roads sometimes becoming impassable. In 1937 a rock-crusher came around to crush rocks for the roads, with most farmers providing rock, which helped pay off their rates. The crushed rock was spread and rolled in to make the road.

A tennis court was built on Leigh Fletcher's land. It was just a granite surface. Alex McBeath was the secretary.

When Will's horse grew old and was in poor condition, Will had to sow his crop by hand until he could afford another horse. Some settlers sold their farms, while others just walked off. Some had little or no experience, or with the times, they found it too hard. These farms were then divided amongst their neighbours who applied. Will Ellis was allocated 132 acres in Stretches Road through this scheme.

Tragedy strikes

Times were very tough for the Ellis family, as Will had been gassed while serving in France. His health deteriorated, and he spent time at the Repat Hospital in Heidelberg. He died at home in 1937 aged 47 years. His youngest child John was only four years of age. The district opinion was divided as to whether May should keep farming. Some considered that women should not run a farm, let alone own one. May was supported by the Howell and Cornish families with the help of Les Cornish of Linton, and her boys Ron and Ivan, who, even though they were only young, were expected to work like men.

A new school

In 1938, after much lobbying, and with Cr. Kennedy's assistance, land was purchased from Wally Fitridge, and a new school was built to cater for the increasing numbers of school children.

Some of the teachers at Mannibadar were: Molly McCarthy, Ilma Jennings (sister of Reg Jennings of Linton), Miss Doherty, Miss Stevens, Mr. Reilly and Jim O'Malley. Two teachers that you might remember were Merle Gabriel, who married Ken Holding, and Margaret Wall, who married Jack Hearney, who later became publicans at the Linton hotel. Most teachers boarded locally.

Second World War years

By 1941 Ron had joined the army – the 2nd AIF – and was sent to Geraldton, W.A., as it was considered that the Japanese would invade. When Ivan applied to join the army, May objected, as he was required to run the farm.

When Les Cornish and Myrtle Morgan of Linton were to be married, Les asked Ivan to be his best man, and Myrtle asked Betty Allan to be her bridesmaid. This is when Ivan and Betty first met. Betty's Mum was Myrtle's step-sister Kate Allan (nee Stratton), formerly of Linton. Many of her family are buried in the Linton cemetery. Kate's mother lived in Fraser St. Linton.



Some eager faces in the Mannibadar classroom in 1938: Back row: Harold Fitridge, Joyce Ellis, Ted Cahill, Francis Donnelly, Kenneth Holding. Middle row: Alan Holding, Betty Donnelly, Geoff Fletcher, Marjorie Ellis, Theo Stretch, Ron Holding, Bill Bassett, John Ellis. Front row: Mary Fletcher, Dorothy Fitridge, Judy Fletcher, Margaret Donnelly, Ivy Hocking, Lorna Phillips, Betty Cahill, Con Cahill. Photo: courtesy G Ellis

Tragedy deepens

In March 1943, when a truck travelling along Victoria St, Ballarat, collided with a tram in which May and her daughter Joyce were passengers, May was fatally injured, and Joyce was severely injured. Will's sister Lena then moved from Albury to Mannibadar to take care of the children.

In January 1944, drovers left a campfire unattended and the resulting bush fire devastated the area. It was said that you could walk from Skipton to Cressy and not have to climb through one fence. Many houses in Bradvale, Mannibadar and Willowvale were burnt. Some lost their entire stock and possessions. While fighting the fire along Bassetts Lane, Harold Jolly aged 27 years, was trapped in the flames and was burnt to death. Ron Ellis, and Jack and Ken Moore were severely burnt and were taken to Ballarat Base Hospital in critical condition. The next day, Ron Ellis, at 26 years of age, died from severe burns. Jack Moore died one month later; however, his brother Ken made a complete recovery.

Harold Jolly had been engaged to Gwen Jones of Piggoreet. Ron Ellis, who was home from the army, had been recently married to Jessie Miller of Rokewood Junction. Life Insurance agent Rizzolli had tried to sell life insurance to Ron, but Ron had not got around to signing. The agent regretted not encouraging him to do so. Ron also only had an Army will, but died as a civilian, causing more problems. Those of you who are superstitious know that bad luck runs in seven-year cycles -1937 to 1944 totals seven years.

Difficult living arrangements for the family

Ivan Ellis and Betty (my Mum and Dad) were married on 17 March 1945 at St Paul's, Ballarat. It was then decided that Ivan and his brother Norman would stay on the farm, his sisters Joyce and Marjory, and brother John, would move to Geelong and stay with the Fitridge family. Sending the children to the Fitridges was a disaster. Three lonely bewildered children could not cope. Will's sister Lena then rented a two-roomed house in Pakington St Geelong, and the children moved in with her. Upon hearing of this arrangement, the family lawyer Mr. Ramsay visited Geelong, and finding the lodgings most unsatisfactory, arranged a Housing Commission house for them in Geelong West, and involved Legacy to take care of the needs of Marjory and John. Joyce was old enough to seek work.

I remember well the old settler house. Mum and Dad (Betty and Ivan) and my sister Lorraine, lived in that house for a number of years. There was still no electricity, but the telephone was now connected – our number was Mannibadar 36 - the copper was still outside for washing the clothes, and the toilet was still in the back yard. Toilet was newspaper cut into squares. As one was contemplating, one would start reading the cartoons, only to find the end was missing, so a quick search was made through the remaining squares, hoping to find the rest of the cartoon. Mum had left Anderson St, Ballarat East, with all the "mod cons" of 1945, for this. Sometime later they built a new house with 32-volt electricity. This generator was run by a Ronaldson-Tippett motor when powering the milking plant.

My school days

Lorraine and I were both born at Skipton and attended Mannibadar State School. As a youngster I wore specially made boots to straighten my feet and legs. As there was a shortage of numbers at the school, I started school at aged four – two months in Prep

and then still aged four, into Grade 1. At one stage I sat next to Gordon Smith, but, as Gordon repeated a year, I then sat with Diane Lewers.

Once a month we went to Linton school group day, but the Linton kids were too street wise for us. Gary Jennings always picked on me. On a school trip to Geelong to visit the Ford Motor Assembly line and the Eastern Beach, I ran into a palm tree. Ouch! No swimming for me.

School sports were at Linton. My sister Lorraine often won the running races, her main competition being Valma Preston. As I was a bit of a dud at sport, I was in the team events. Swimming lessons were in Hoyle's Creek near the school - brackish water, our hair would stand on end. A wonder anyone ever learnt to swim.

Before the days of septic tanks and flushing toilets, Grade 5 and 6 boys had to empty the toilet can. Paddy Kavanagh and I had that job.

Teachers I remember are Dick Bayley (the one with the strap), Wally Gunn and Ian Page. As Ian Page had no discipline and poor teaching skills, my grades deteriorated. Mum and Dad were not impressed, so I was sent to Ballarat at Grade 6. We travelled seven miles to Cape Clear to meet the school bus by 7:10 in the morning, then back to Cape Clear at 5:20 at night.

Shopping

Mum shopped in Linton: Prestons for fruit and veg and Ching's for groceries; library for books (we were frightened of Mrs Howard, the library custodian); Mrs. Hayes for clothing, then to Betty Grigg's for a cuppa. Jack Walker the travelling draper and a complete gentleman, supplied Dad's work clothes. He would also ask Mum to fill his billy with hot water (Kerrin Walker his son is now the travelling draper).

Mannibadar residents in the 1950s

Coming down from Linton on the gravel Mannibadar road, there were several sharp bends. The first was a sharp turn to the right where you would blow the car horn to warn oncoming traffic. The first property in Mannibadar on the left was that of Joyce and Bill Dickson; then on the right, the gates to *Mt Bute* – Jim and Mae Collins; off to Sandersons lane to David and Mavis Cairns; then on the right, the gates to *Bute Hill* – George and Bell Holding; on the right, Mrs Hitchins' farm (she lived with her sister Lucy at Glenlee at Linton); on the left Tom ("Scotty") and Glad Nicol; then opposite on the right was our place.

A family that had particular influence on Mannibadar through their intermarriage with other families was the Kerr family of *Doo Hill* Linton: Win Kerr married George Sharpe; Bell Kerr married George Holding; Bill Kerr bought Wally Fittridge's farm; Jessie Kerr married Walter ("Snow") Ringin; Joyce Kerr married Bill Dickson. All these are residents of Mannibadar, with Colin Kerr remaining at *Doo Hill* Linton.

Establishment of the Fire Brigade

Mick Cahill was the instigator to buy a fire truck for Willowvale and Mannibadar. Several rabbit drives were organized to raise funds – 1500 rabbits were shot per shoot, mainly along Hoyles Creek. A Ford Thames truck was bought and fitted out from these funds. It had a petrol motor that often vaporized in the heat, and some days it was not able to get to the fire on time.

A shed made of hand-made cement bricks, was built at Mannibadar to house the truck. Mick Cahill was captain of the Willowvale Fire Brigade. Sometime later Mannibadar was added to this name. The Willowvale/Mannibadar fire brigade entered Region Demo days, winning several trophies.

Cars of Mannibadar that I remember:

Bill Lewers – Humber – one with 'suicide doors'; Mrs Georgie Thornton, Black For Pilot (British?); Scotty Nicol – Zephyr; Smiths – black Austin A60; we had a fawn Austin A60; Ben Kavanagh – Ford Custom; Jim and Mae Collins – Austin Sheerline – a big cumbersome car with headlights the size of dinner plates; Tom Thornton – Chevrolet Belaire – one with wings moulded into the boot (this car seemed to float with wife Wilma, three children, mother Georgie and friend Bob Mellington, on their way to mass on Sunday mornings); Ed Keeble - a stunning Ford Customline; Perce Howell – Peugeot 203; Stan Chappell – Plymouth; Steve Chasey – Chrysler Royal; Mary Hitchins – Hilman ute (Miss Hitchins, with Miss Lucy by her side, drove at a 30 mph – should you follow, just give up, don't try to pass). Bill Hart of Linton worked the farm for Mrs Hitchins. He had a dog that only ran when he ran, so Bill would swear at it – I could hear the swearing from our house.

Young Farmers Club

At aged 15 when I left school, I came home to work on the farm – milked the cows until I went rouseabouting in the woolsheds. Dad decided this was no good, and sold the cows. I joined the Young Farmers Club, their motto was "Agriculture, Culture and Social", and I had a great social time. With my wrist in plaster (another mishap), I met Marilyn at the 60/40 dance in Ballarat. Marilyn was a member of the Scotsburn YFC, and the rest you all know.

The legacy of the Closer Settlement Scheme

I am the third generation farmer at *Enhallow*, and our son Shayne the fourth generation. If it was not for the Closer Settlement Scheme, Will Ellis and many like him would never have had the opportunity to own a farm. Of the original families who settled on *Mt Bute* estate, six still farm in the parish of Mannibadar - the families of Martin Cahill, Mick Cahill of Willowvale, Will Ellis, Bart Phillips, George Sharpe and Archie Thornton.

The settlers who bought the three Kerby properties should also be recognized: George Holding, Gallipoli veteran, who continued the Kerby payments (this is now known as *Bute Hill*); Armstrong Kerr in the property now known as *Braeside*; and the Collins family at *Mt Bute* homestead.

Mannibadar is a great community. Some people don't know where it is, cannot spell it, or cannot pronounce it. I hope we can live out our lives there, but we might buy a caravan and go on the wallaby.



Mannibadar as a strong community: a big turnout for the opening of a new school classroom on a chilly day in 1938

Photo: courtesy G Ellis

RESEARCH REQUESTS JANUARY- JUNE 2016

Between January and June 2016, we had the following research requests:

MARK, Iris – Sandra Smith wanting to know the location of her aunt's grave, who died as a baby in 1909. Referred her to Cemetery Trust Secretary.

HONAN & CAMERON – Mary Drury wanting any information on her ancestors James Honan & Mary Cameron who lived at Happy Valley in the 1860s.

WOODS, Joseph Hill – Terry Hall requesting any information about his grandfather & family who lived at Happy Valley in the late 19th century. The family intermarried with the Esmond & Edgar families. Involved Joan Hunt, who had done research on this family, in this enquiry – she supplied old maps & family tree records.

SCOTT, Martha – Lillian Jurey asking about the location of the grave of Martha Scott. Made suggestions about possibilities & referred her to Cemetery Trust Secretary.

PARKER, Robert James – Jean Spencer wanting information on Linton's history at the time her grandfather lived there in the late 19th century. We arranged for her to meet our volunteer, Del Atkinson, at the Resource Centre. She looked at files and old maps, bought the *Walk-Drive Tour of Linton*, & planned to explore the area with it.

DENMEAD, Alice – Jenni McKie seeking information on her great-aunt, born at 'Wardy Yallock' in 1858. This was not actually in Linton, & we did not have any information on her, but we referred Jenni to other possible sources.

WHATELEY, Thomas and Catherine – Lorraine Lawrie looking for any information on this family. We had very little in our files although two family members were buried in Linton cemetery in the 1960s. There also appeared to be Skipton connections. Referred enquirer to Skipton HS & suggested she obtain death certificates for further information.

JOURNEAUX, BRAYSHAW & SPROULE – Jenny Fawcett researching her ancestors who lived at Happy Valley in the late 1860s. We had no records of the family, but we involved Joan Hunt, who checked mining share records and made other suggestions for Jenny to follow up. We also found more information from online sources which we passed on to Jenny.

TREWARTHA & MILLER – Danielle Trewartha seeking any information on her ancestors who lived in Linton & Happy Valley in the mid-19th century. We had considerable information on them, plus there had been previous enquirers about them. This was passed on to Danielle. She also wanted to purchase *Linton Makes History* & our DVD on goldfields history (Joan Hunt), & she purchased scans of documents.

WHITTAKER (ALSO TRESTRAIL & RICHARDS) – Matt Richards contacted us via Facebook. We did not have any information on this family & it seems they might have lived elsewhere in the district. Our volunteers met Matt at the Resource Centre & made other suggestions he could follow up.

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The Annual General Meeting

of the Linton and District Historical Society will be held on

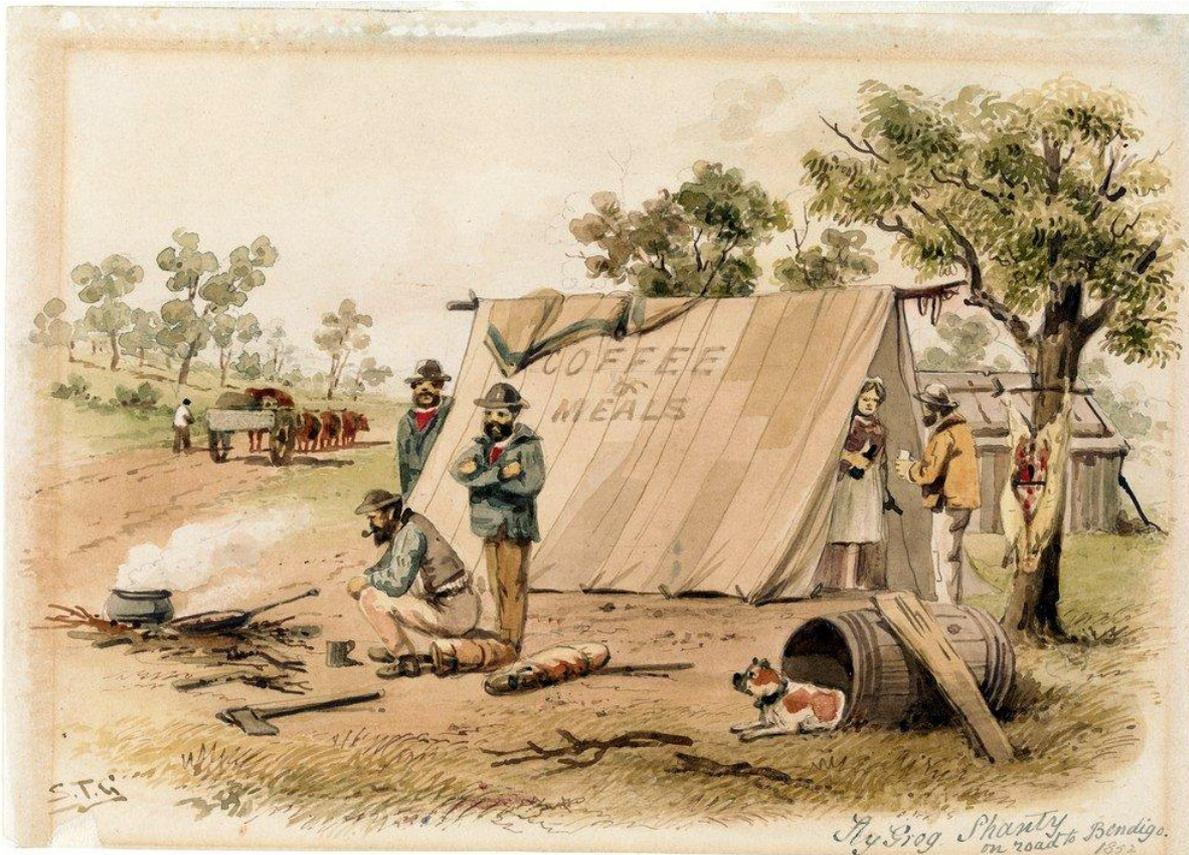
Monday 19 September 2016, 7:30 pm

at the Shire Offices, Sussex Street, Linton

Guest Speaker: the historian at Sovereign Hill, **Dr Jan Croggon**, whose topic will be:

S. T. Gill as Eyewitness: art as historical evidence: S.T. Gill and Sovereign Hill

Over the years, Sovereign Hill has found many historical sources which support them greatly in telling the goldfields story, but one source above all others has comprehensively answered their needs: the so-called 'artist of the goldfields', Samuel Thomas Gill. Jan will talk about how the paintings of S T Gill have assisted Sovereign Hill in accurately depicting life on the Victorian goldfields, with all its energy, excitement and the social challenges that the discovery and mining of gold raised in a fledgling society.



S T Gill: Sly Grog Shanty on way to Bendigo 1852

Other Business to be conducted:

- Presentation of Annual Report by the President
- Presentation of Financial Report by the Treasurer
- Election of Committee of Management for 2014/15
- Setting of Annual subscription (proposed amount is \$25)

All welcome. A supper will be served after the meeting (please bring a plate).

Membership renewal forms, and committee nomination forms are enclosed with this copy of Society Notes

Research requests continued:

TONKIN & MITCHELL - Rachael Tonkin enquiring about the Tonkins who ran the garage in Linton for many years, her father Billy also growing up in town. She subsequently came to Open Day in June with her brother & copied lots of documents on the Tonkins & also the Mitchells, Billy Tonkin having married Laura Mitchell.

LAMB – Caroline Pettit enquiring about her ancestors, the Lamb family, who lived in Happy Valley in the 1860s. We had a number of documents in our files that we sent to Caroline, plus Joan Hunt provided more from her Happy Valley research, including family tree records..

MARKS/MARK family – a further enquiry about this family, following the one in January. Ben Lawrence asking for any information on the Mark (or Marks) who lived in Linton in the 20th century. We had basic information about births & deaths, lists of children & some photos. This enquiry is ongoing.

(Many thanks to Joan Hunt for her assistance with research into the individuals and families above who came from the Happy Valley area). **If any readers think they might have further information on any of these families or topics, please let us know. The Society charges a \$30 fee for detailed research, plus small fees for copies of photographs and other documents.**

Historic photos of Linton on ebay

Recently we became aware of two photos of Linton's main street taken in the early twentieth century that were for sale on ebay. As we did not have those exact photos in our collection and they were very clear and sharp, we decided to bid for them, which we did successfully. This followed the discovery of another photo of the former Murrell's Hotel in Sussex St in an opportunity shop in Ballarat which turned out to be one from our collection (it had a catalogue number)!

Maybe there are other photos of Linton in past times out there. If anyone has any they don't want, please consider donating them to the Society. We value all photos of Linton and district, including those of the recent past, as long as they are reasonably clear, and particularly if the people in them can be identified. We don't want to have to buy them one day on ebay again or find them by chance in an op shop!



- **Next Open Days at the Resource Centre** – the second Sunday of the month: 11 September 2016, 9 October, 13 November, 11 December. Opening times: **2:00 – 5:00 pm.**

- **Our next History Night will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 September, 2016**

- Donations to the Society are **tax deductible**. Please contact the Treasurer for details.

- Lots of information is on our website www.lintonhistory.org.au and follow us on www.facebook.com/lintonhistory

Publications:

- **DVDs of History Night talks are available: Jim Stapleton, the O'Beirne family, Bruce Adams, Aaron Kerr, Rod Lewers, Chris and Bill Grigg, Joan Hunt, Hans and Gerry Ver Doorn, Graeme Ellis, @ \$10 each + \$5 postage and handling. Contact Joan Giles: joangiles@hemsleypark.com.au Tel: 5309 1770.**

- **Linton Makes History: an Australian Goldfields Town and its Past** On sale at the Shire Office, and at Plants Wares 'n Things in Sussex St. Or buy direct from the author Jill Wheeler – jillianleawheeler@gmail.com - email Jill for electronic banking transfer details or send a cheque for \$30.00, plus \$8.00 postage & handling, to Linton & District Historical Society, PO Box 41, Linton 3360.

- **A Walk-Drive Tour of Linton:** \$5 plus \$2 postage and handling. Bank details as above, or cheque payable to the Linton and District Historical Society, PO Box 41, Linton 3360.

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